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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

1. FAHMY SUMMONED ME THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS
A NUMBER OF MATTERS. FIRST AND FOREMOST ON HIS MIND WERE
PRESS LEAKS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THE LAST FEW DAYS AS
TO HOW WE PROCEED.

2. SPECIFICALLY, FAHMY EXPRESSED STRONG DISPLEASURE
WITH CURRENT NEWSWEEK ACCOUNT OUT OF WASHINGTON
ON WHAT WAS DISCUSSED DURING SALZBURG TALKS. IT
GIVES, FAHMY CLAIMED, PRACTICALLY THE FULL STORY,
INCLUDING THE THREE YEAR DURATION AND TWO MONITORING
STATIONS. THE ONLY THING MISSING IS WHO WILL OCCUPY THE
STATIONS. AS IF THIS WERE NOT ENOUGH, FAHMY ALLUDED TO
YESTERDAYS' HA-ERETZ THAT YOU WILL SHORTLY
LEAVE FOR THE MIDDLE EAST FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF
TALKS. THE ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS, TOO, SEEMED TO HAVE
THE STORY ABOUT THE THREE-YEAR DURATION AND ARE SPEAKING
OF CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXUDING AN ATMOSPHERE OF GREAT OPTIMISM.

3. FAHMY RECALLED OUR AGREEMENT AT SALZBURG TO PRO-
JECT AN IMAGE OF CONTINUING UNCERTAINTY PRIOR
TO THE RABIN TALKS. ALL OF THESE LEAKS ARE CAUSING
CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT TO THE MLQTYE
WWDC YLUTIONS

WITH THE SOVIETS AND VARIOUS FRIENDLY ARAB
STATES, ESPECIALLY SAUDI ARABIA AND ALGERIA. CONSISTENT

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WITH THE SALZBURG TALKS, FAHMY CLAIMED HIS

RECENT MESSAGE TO GROMYKO HAD BEEN AMBIGUOUS. HE HAD POINTED OUT THAT YOU AND GROMYKO WILL MEET AGAIN NEXT MONTH AND THAT THE SALZBURG TALKS HAD BEEN INCONCLUSIVE SO FAR AS ANY ACTION PLAN OR DECISION ON GENEVA ARE CONCERNED. SIMILAR AMBIGUOUS MESSAGES HAD BEEN SENT BY SADAT TO KING KHALED, BOUMEDIENNE AND OTHER ARAB LEADERS. WITH CURRENT RASH OF PRESS DISCLOSURES, ALL OUT OF WASHINGTON, GOE CREDIBILITY IS CERTAIN TO BE IMPAIRED IN EYES OF THOSE TO WHOM MESSAGES WERE SENT. GOE WILL NOW HAVE TO UNDERTAKE SOME KIND OF A DAMAGE LIMITATION EXERCISE.

4. FAHMY STRESSED THAT HE KNOWS THAT YOU ARE NOT RPT NOT RESPONSIBLE. HE WAS ALSO AWARE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN'S UNWILLINGNESS TO ELABORATE ON SALZBURG TALKS. IN HIS VIEW, DINITZ OR HIS ISRAELI EMBASSY COLLABORATORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THESE UNHELPFUL LEAKS. THE DAMAGE IS DONE, FAHMY ADMITTED, BUT IS IMPORTANT TO SADAT THAT SUCH PRESS STORIES NOT RPT NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET OUT OF HAND. IF THE ISRAELIS REALLY WANT AN AGREEMENT, HE ASSERTED, THEY SHOULD AVOID LEAKING NEWS THE SOLE EFFECT OF WHICH IS TO CAUSE EMBARRASSMENT FOR SADAT BEFORE THE ARABS AND THE SOVIETS.
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